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ABSTRACT

This KIDS COUNT data book examines statewide trends in the well-being of New Jersey's children. The report begins with general state facts, state trends in child well-being for the years 1993 through 1995, county quartile rankings for 1995, and county composite rankings for the years 1993 through 1995. The bulk of the report provides data in two forms on a county-by-county basis, including a composite ranking table which provides a statewide rate comparison, and a table of trends in child well-being which compares Kids Count data from 1993 through 1995. Thirteen indicators of child well-being are examined including: (1) low birthweight; (2) no prenatal care; (3) infant mortality rate; (4) AFDC benefits; (5) food stamp benefits; (6) births to teens; (7) child death rate; (8) teen death rate; (9) juvenile arrest rate; (10) juvenile commitment rate; (11) substantiated child abuse cases; (12) family problems; and (13) out-of-home placement rate. The third section of the report provides data on 25 of New Jersey's major cities and their ranking in relation to the state averages in the indicator areas of: (1) low birth weight; (2) no prenatal care; and (3) infant mortality rate. The report ends with a glossary of terms and data sources. (SD)

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New Jersey State Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1993	$26,876
Population Under 18 Years Old 1992	1,799,462
Percent Non-White	32%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	19%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	11%
Births in 1993	117,830

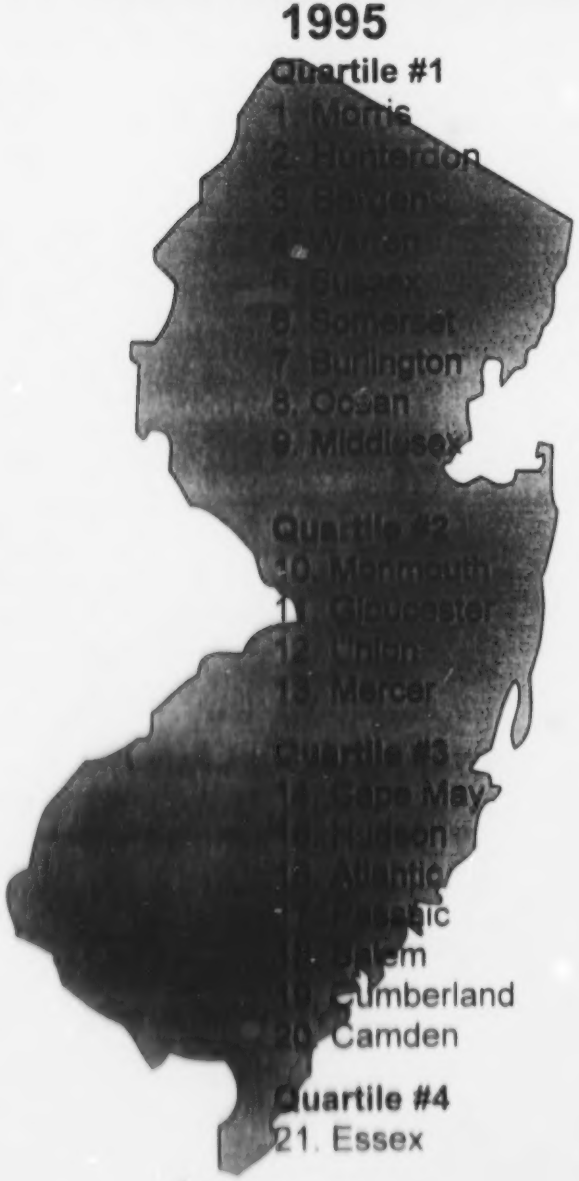
Trends in Child Well-Being

Indicator	Kids Count 1993 Book	Kids Count 1994 Book	Kids Count 1995 Book	State Three Year Average
Low Birth Weight - percent of all live births	7.5	7.3	7.6	7.5
No Prenatal Care - percent of all live births	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4
Infant Mortality Rate - per 1,000 live births	8.8	8.3	8.4	8.5
AFDC Benefits - per 1,000 children	128	127	120	125
Food Stamp Benefits - per 1,000 children	153	155	154	154
Births to Teens - per 1,000 teens (15-19)	40	39.7	38.4	39.4
Child Death Rate - per 10,000 children (1-14)	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.5
Teen Death Rate - per 10,000 teens (15-19)	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8
Juvenile Arrest Rate - per 1,000 children (10-17)	115	110	115	113
Juvenile Commitment Rate - per 1,000 teens (13-18)	1.8	2.1	2.3	2.1
Child Abuse - per 1,000 children	NA	4.6	3.7	*4.2
Family Problems - per 1,000 children	NA	9.1	12.9	*11
Out-of-Home Placement Rate - per 1,000 children	4.5	4	4.6	4.4

HEALTH INDICATORS (1991, 1992, 1993)
AFDC AND FOOD STAMP INDICATORS (1993, 1994, 1995)
ARREST INDICATOR (1992, 1993, 1994)
COMMITMENT INDICATOR (1992, 1993, 1994)

CHILD ABUSE AND FAMILY PROBLEM INDICATORS (1993, 1994)
OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT INDICATOR (1993, 1994, 1995)
**TWO YEAR AVERAGE*

Composite & Quartile Rankings



	1993	1994	1995
Atlantic	18	18	16
Bergen	4	4	3
Burlington	7	7	7
Camden	20	20	20
Cape May	19	13	14
Cumberland	16	19	19
Essex	21	21	21
Gloucester	8	9	11
Hudson	17	17	15
Hunterdon	1	1	2
Mercer	14	14	13
Middlesex	6	8	9
Monmouth	11	10	10
Morris	2	2	1
Ocean	10	6	8
Passaic	15	15	17
Salem	13	16	18
Somerset	5	5	6
Sussex	3	3	5
Union	12	12	12
Warren	9	11	4

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21 WAYS TO MAKE KIDS COUNT . . .

1. Listen to what children have to say.
2. Show interest in your child's education.
3. Eat meals as a family.
4. Treat appointments with your children as you would any other meeting.
5. Offer to help another family in need.
6. Volunteer as a mentor, tutor or after school helper.
7. Start a neighborhood watch project to keep children safe.
8. Use this data book to identify problems in your community and mobilize citizens.
9. Volunteer in the pediatric center at a local hospital.
10. Talk to local business groups about investing in children.
11. Encourage your employer to sponsor children's programs.
12. Encourage your employer to provide a structure for community volunteers.
13. VOTE in all elections.
14. Invite your legislators to visit children's programs in your community.
15. Ask your local officials and legislators what they are doing for children.
16. Raise funds for a community playground.
17. Ask children for their opinions and thoughts.
18. Contribute financially to children's programs in your neighborhood.
19. Encourage your church to provide child care for low-income children.
20. Establish a parent network for latchkey children in your neighborhood.
21. Publish Kids Count New Jersey facts in your community newsletter.

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ATLANTIC COUNTY
Composite Rank #16

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1993	$24,949
Population under 18 Years Old	51,436
Percent Non-White	30%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	25%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	13%
Births in 1993	3,885

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	Percent Worse/ Better Than State	1995 County Rank
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	7.6	same as state rate	13
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	1.5	7% worse	17
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	9.5	13% worse	14
Child AFDC Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	120	155	29% worse	17
Child Food Stamp Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	154	204	32% worse	17
Births to Teens 1993 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	38.4	64.8	69% worse	20
Child Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 children (1-14)	2.4	1.3	46% better	2
Teen Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 teens (15-19)	5.8	7	21% worse	14
Juvenile Arrests 1994 per 1,000 children (10-17)	115	208	81% worse	21
Juvenile Commitments 1994 per 1,000 children (13-18)	2.3	4.3	87% worse	19
Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994 per 1,000 children	3.7	7.2	95% worse	19
Family Problems 1994 per 1,000 children	12.9	11.5	11% better	9
Out of Home Placement 1995 per 1,000 children	4.6	5.5	20% worse	15

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Indicator of Child Well-being	Kids Count 1993	Kids Count 1994	Kids Count 1995	Three Year Average
Low Birth Weight	8.1	7.9	7.6	7.9
No Prenatal Care	1.8	1.4	1.5	1.6
Infant Mortality Rate	9	8.4	9.5	9
Child AFDC Rate	178	168	155	167
Child Food Stamp Rate	212	207	204	208
Births to Teens	61	67.4	64.8	64.4
Child Death Rate	2.2	2.1	1.3	1.9
Teen Death Rate	8.8	8.4	7	8.1
Juvenile Arrests	193	198	208	200
Juvenile Commitments	4.7	4.5	4.3	4.5
Child Abuse (Substantiated)	NA	7.6	7.2	7.4
Family Problems	NA	11.9	11.5	11.7
Out of Home Placement	5.4	5.6	5.5	5.5

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BERGEN COUNTY
Composite Rank #3

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1993	$34,658
Population under 18 Years Old	168,368
Percent Non-White	18%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	11%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	5%
Births in 1993	10,575

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	Percent Worse/ Better Than State	1995 County Rank
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	5.5	28% better	3
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	.5	64% better	6
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	4.8	43% better	3
Child AFDC Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	120	29	76% better	4
Child Food Stamp Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	154	42	73% better	4
Births to Teens 1993 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	38.4	10.1	74% better	2
Child Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 children (1-14)	2.4	1.7	29% better	5
Teen Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 teens (15-19)	5.8	3.9	33% better	7
Juvenile Arrests 1994 per 1,000 children (10-17)	115	98	15% better	8
Juvenile Commitments 1994 per 1,000 children (13-18)	2.3	.3	87% better	2
Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994 per 1,000 children	3.7	2.1	43% better	3
Family Problems 1994 per 1,000 children	12.9	7.9	39% better	6
Out of Home Placement 1995 per 1,000 children	4.6	1.2	74% better	2

Indicator of Child Well-being	Kids Count 1993	Kids Count 1994	Kids Count 1995	Three Year Average
Low Birth Weight	5.5	5.6	5.5	5.5
No Prenatal Care	.3	.6	.5	.5
Infant Mortality Rate	6.6	6.3	4.8	5.9
Child AFDC Rate	27	29	29	28
Child Food Stamp Rate	37	41	42	40
Births to Teens	10	9.4	10.1	9.8
Child Death Rate	2	1.7	1.7	1.8
Teen Death Rate	5.1	3.8	3.9	4.3
Juvenile Arrests	100	89	98	96
Juvenile Commitments	.2	.4	.3	.3
Child Abuse (Substantiated)	NA	2.7	2.1	2.4
Family Problems	NA	5.7	7.9	6.8
Out of Home Placement	2.8	2	1.2	2

BURLINGTON COUNTY
Composite Rank #7

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1993	$24,286
Population under 18 Years Old	98,236
Percent Non-White	21%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	14%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	6%
Births in 1993	5,432

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	Percent Worse/ Better Than State	1995 County Rank
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	6.5	14% better	9
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	.7	50% better	11
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	7.4	12% better	9
Child AFDC Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	120	53	56% better	7
Child Food Stamp Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	154	70	55% better	6
Births to Teens 1993 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	38.4	28.3	26% better	9
Child Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 children (1-14)	2.4	2	17% better	11
Teen Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 teens (15-19)	5.8	3	48% better	3
Juvenile Arrests 1994 per 1,000 children (10-17)	115	84	27% better	5
Juvenile Commitments 1994 per 1,000 children (13-18)	2.3	.7	70% better	7
Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994 per 1,000 children	3.7	3.7	same as state rate	8
Family Problems 1994 per 1,000 children	12.9	7.4	43% better	5
Out of Home Placement 1995 per 1,000 children	4.6	3.2	30% better	10

Indicator of Child Well-being	Kids Count 1993	Kids Count 1994	Kids Count 1995	Three Year Average
Low Birth Weight	7.1	6.6	6.5	6.7
No Prenatal Care	1	.8	.7	.8
Infant Mortality Rate	7.8	7	7.4	7.4
Child AFDC Rate	57	56	53	55
Child Food Stamp Rate	72	73	70	72
Births to Teens	31	29.5	28.3	29.6
Child Death Rate	2.3	1.5	2	1.9
Teen Death Rate	4.2	5.2	3	4.1
Juvenile Arrests	76	70	84	77
Juvenile Commitments	.9	1.1	.7	.9
Child Abuse (Substantiated)	NA	4.4	3.7	4.1
Family Problems	NA	5.1	7.4	6.3
Out of Home Placement	3	3.7	3.2	3.3

CAMDEN COUNTY
Composite Rank #20

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1993	$22,388
Population under 18 Years Old	133,067
Percent Non-White	31%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	24%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	16%
Births in 1993	7,976

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	Percent Worse/ Better Than State	1995 County Rank
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	8.6	13% worse	20
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	1.4	same as state rate	16
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	10.5	25% worse	17
Child AFDC Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	120	191	59% worse	18
Child Food Stamp Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	154	233	51% worse	18
Births to Teens 1993 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	38.4	58	51% worse	17
Child Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 children (1-14)	2.4	3.1	29% worse	19
Teen Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 teens (15-19)	5.8	6.8	17% worse	13
Juvenile Arrests 1994 per 1,000 children (10-17)	115	114	1% better	11
Juvenile Commitments 1994 per 1,000 children (13-18)	2.3	5.4	135% worse	21
Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994 per 1,000 children	3.7	8.3	124% worse	20
Family Problems 1994 per 1,000 children	12.9	16.6	29% worse	16
Out of Home Placement 1995 per 1,000 children	4.6	7.5	63% worse	20

Indicator of Child Well-being	Kids Count 1993	Kids Count 1994	Kids Count 1995	Three Year Average
Low Birth Weight	7.9	8.3	8.6	8.3
No Prenatal Care	1.6	2	1.4	1.7
Infant Mortality Rate	11.6	11.9	10.5	11.3
Child AFDC Rate	211	204	191	202
Child Food Stamp Rate	240	237	233	237
Births to Teens	61	63.3	58	60.8
Child Death Rate	3.4	3.5	3.1	3.3
Teen Death Rate	6.8	8.1	6.8	7.2
Juvenile Arrests	99	112	114	108
Juvenile Commitments	4.5	6	5.4	5.3
Child Abuse (Substantiated)	NA	9.1	8.3	8.7
Family Problems	NA	15.8	16.6	16.2
Out of Home Placement	7.4	5.9	7.5	6.9

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CAPE MAY COUNTY
Composite Rank #14

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1993	$23,085
Population under 18 Years Old	21,062
Percent Non-White	11%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	20%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	12%
Births in 1993	1,309

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	Percent Worse/ Better Than State	1995 County Rank
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	5.7	25% better	4
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	.6	57% better	7
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	10.7	27% worse	18
Child AFDC Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	120	105	13% better	12
Child Food Stamp Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	154	163	6% worse	15
Births to Teens 1993 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	38.4	46.2	20% worse	14
Child Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 children (1-14)	2.4	2.1	13% better	12
Teen Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 teens (15-19)	5.8	9.5	64% worse	19
Juvenile Arrests 1994 per 1,000 children (10-17)	115	207	80% worse	20
Juvenile Commitments 1994 per 1,000 children (13-18)	2.3	.9	61% better	8
Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994 per 1,000 children	3.7	7.1	92% worse	18
Family Problems 1994 per 1,000 children	12.9	24	86% worse	20
Out of Home Placement 1995 per 1,000 children	4.6	7.1	54% worse	18

Indicator of Child Well-being	Kids Count 1993	Kids Count 1994	Kids Count 1995	Three Year Average
Low Birth Weight	5.7	7.1	5.7	6.2
No Prenatal Care	1.1	1	.6	.9
Infant Mortality Rate	8.9	5.1	10.7	8.2
Child AFDC Rate	111	112	105	109
Child Food Stamp Rate	148	161	163	157
Births to Teens	50	54.5	46.2	50.2
Child Death Rate	5.3	4	2.1	3.8
Teen Death Rate	14.7	5.8	9.5	10
Juvenile Arrests	238	201	207	215
Juvenile Commitments	1	.8	.9	.9
Child Abuse (Substantiated)	NA	7.9	7.1	7.5
Family Problems	NA	16.6	24	20.3
Out of Home Placement	6.8	4.8	7.1	6.2

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1993	$19,474
Population under 18 Years Old	35,949
Percent Non-White	35%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	27%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	20%
Births in 1993	2,224

CUMBERLAND COUNTY
Composite Rank #19

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	Percent Worse/ Better Than State	1995 County Rank
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	8.2	8% worse	17
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	1.2	14% better	14
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	11.2	33% worse	19
Child AFDC Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	120	196	63% worse	19
Child Food Stamp Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	154	265	72% worse	19
Births to Teens 1993 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	38.4	103.9	171% worse	21
Child Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 children (1-14)	2.4	2.2	8% better	13
Teen Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 teens (15-19)	5.8	8.4	45% worse	16
Juvenile Arrests 1994 per 1,000 children (10-17)	115	196	70% worse	19
Juvenile Commitments 1994 per 1,000 children (13-18)	2.3	2.2	4% better	13
Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994 per 1,000 children	3.7	4.6	24% worse	13
Family Problems 1994 per 1,000 children	12.9	16.3	26% worse	15
Out of Home Placement 1995 per 1,000 children	4.6	6	30% worse	16

Indicator of Child Well-being	Kids Count 1993	Kids Count 1994	Kids Count 1995	Three Year Average
Low Birth Weight	8.3	8	8.2	8.2
No Prenatal Care	1.3	2	1.2	1.5
Infant Mortality Rate	8.3	9.4	11.2	9.6
Child AFDC Rate	222	214	196	211
Child Food Stamp Rate	271	278	265	271
Births to Teens	87	89	103.9	93.3
Child Death Rate	2.5	2.8	2.2	2.5
Teen Death Rate	2	5.2	8.4	5.2
Juvenile Arrests	197	211	196	201
Juvenile Commitments	1.7	2.3	2.2	2.1
Child Abuse (Substantiated)	NA	5.7	4.6	5.2
Family Problems	NA	11.8	16.3	14.1
Out of Home Placement	7.1	7.2	6	6.8

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ESSEX COUNTY
Composite Rank #21

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1993	$27,203
Population under 18 Years Old	188,637
Percent Non-White	59%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	31%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	22%
Births in 1993	13,186

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	Percent Worse/ Better Than State	1995 County Rank
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	11.8	55% worse	21
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	5.2	271% worse	21
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	12.7	51% worse	20
Child AFDC Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	120	291	143% worse	21
Child Food Stamp Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	154	368	139% worse	21
Births to Teens 1993 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	38.4	63.4	65% worse	19
Child Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 children (1-14)	2.4	4	67% worse	20
Teen Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 teens (15-19)	5.8	9.7	67% worse	20
Juvenile Arrests 1994 per 1,000 children (10-17)	115	140	22% worse	17
Juvenile Commitments 1994 per 1,000 children (13-18)	2.3	4.5	96% worse	20
Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994 per 1,000 children	3.7	9.5	157% worse	21
Family Problems 1994 per 1,000 children	12.9	22.6	75% worse	19
Out of Home Placement 1995 per 1,000 children	4.6	9.9	115% worse	21

Indicator of Child Well-being	Kids Count 1993	Kids Count 1994	Kids Count 1995	Three Year Average
Low Birth Weight	10.8	10.7	11.8	11.1
No Prenatal Care	4.6	4.7	5.2	4.8
Infant Mortality Rate	13.1	12.1	12.7	12.6
Child AFDC Rate	314	311	291	305
Child Food Stamp Rate	369	376	368	371
Births to Teens	68	65.9	63.4	65.8
Child Death Rate	4.5	4	4	4.2
Teen Death Rate	9.7	8.2	9.7	9.2
Juvenile Arrests	145	131	140	139
Juvenile Commitments	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.3
Child Abuse (Substantiated)	NA	11.3	9.5	10.4
Family Problems	NA	18.7	22.6	20.7
Out of Home Placement	9.5	3.4	9.9	7.6

GLOUCESTER COUNTY
Composite Rank #11

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1993	$20,518
Population under 18 Years Old	61,538
Percent Non-White	12%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	15%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	8%
Births in 1993	3,375

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	Percent Worse/ Better Than State	1995 County Rank
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	7.6	Same as state rate	12
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	.7	50% better	12
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	7.7	8% better	11
Child AFDC Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	120	75	38% better	11
Child Food Stamp Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	154	95	38% better	10
Births to Teens 1993 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	38.4	32.5	15% better	11
Child Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 children (1-14)	2.4	2.7	13% worse	15
Teen Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 teens (15-19)	5.8	13.2	128% worse	21
Juvenile Arrests 1994 per 1,000 children (10-17)	115	88	23% better	6
Juvenile Commitments 1994 per 1,000 children (13-18)	2.3	.5	78% better	6
Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994 per 1,000 children	3.7	4.5	22% worse	12
Family Problems 1994 per 1,000 children	12.9	6.5	50% better	4
Out of Home Placement 1995 per 1,000 children	4.6	2.5	46% better	8

Indicator of Child Well-being	Kids Count 1993	Kids Count 1994	Kids Count 1995	Three Year Average
Low Birth Weight	6.6	5.9	7.6	6.7
No Prenatal Care	1.2	1.2	.7	1
Infant Mortality Rate	6.8	7.7	7.7	7.4
Child AFDC Rate	78	79	75	77
Child Food Stamp Rate	94	96	95	95
Births to Teens	34	27.2	32.5	31.2
Child Death Rate	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.6
Teen Death Rate	5.5	7.7	13.2	8.8
Juvenile Arrests	87	93	88	89
Juvenile Commitments	.7	.4	.5	.5
Child Abuse (Substantiated)	NA	4.9	4.5	4.7
Family Problems	NA	6	6.5	6.3
Out of Home Placement	3.1	2.5	2.5	2.7

HUDSON COUNTY
Composite Rank#15

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1993	$21,610
Population under 18 Years Old	122,483
Percent Non-White	41%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	30%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	24%
Births in 1993	9,095

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	Percent Worse/ Better Than State	1995 County Rank
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	7.9	4% worse	15
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	.6	57% better	8
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	8.4	Same as state rate	12
Child AFDC Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	120	273	128% worse	20
Child Food Stamp Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	154	328	113% worse	20
Births to Teens 1993 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	38.4	58.3	52% worse	18
Child Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 children (1-14)	2.4	2.5	4% worse	14
Teen Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 teens (15-19)	5.8	5.9	2% worse	10
Juvenile Arrests 1994 per 1,000 children (10-17)	115	118	3% worse	13
Juvenile Commitments 1994 per 1,000 children (13-18)	2.3	2.5	9% worse	14
Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994 per 1,000 children	3.7	5.3	43% worse	16
Family Problems 1994 per 1,000 children	12.9	15.9	23% worse	14
Out of Home Placement 1995 per 1,000 children	4.6	5.2	13% worse	14

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Indicator of Child Well-being	Kids Count 1993	Kids Count 1994	Kids Count 1995	Three Year Average
Low Birth Weight	8.7	8.3	7.9	8.3
No Prenatal Care	.6	.8	.6	.7
Infant Mortality Rate	9.7	8.7	8.4	8.9
Child AFDC Rate	289	288	273	283
Child Food Stamp Rate	320	326	328	325
Births to Teens	63	59.2	58.3	60.2
Child Death Rate	3.1	4.4	2.5	3.3
Teen Death Rate	5.3	9.4	5.9	6.9
Juvenile Arrests	118	111	118	116
Juvenile Commitments	1.9	1.8	2.5	2.1
Child Abuse (Substantiated)	NA	7.9	5.3	6.6
Family Problems	NA	12.3	15.9	14.1
Out of Home Placement	5	3.5	5.2	4.6

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County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1993	$31,545
Population under 18 Years Old	25,941
Percent Non-White	3%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	8%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	3%
Births in 1993	1,462

HUNTERDON COUNTY
Composite Rank #2

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	Percent Worse/ Better Than State	1995 County Rank
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	5.8	24% better	5
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	.2	86% better	2
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	2.7	68% better	2
Child AFDC Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	120	14	88% better	1
Child Food Stamp Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	154	19	88% better	1
Births to Teens 1993 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	38.4	10.5	73% better	3
Child Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 children (1-14)	2.4	1.7	29% better	5
Teen Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 teens (15-19)	5.8	6.2	7% worse	12
Juvenile Arrests 1994 per 1,000 children (10-17)	115	42	63% better	1
Juvenile Commitments 1994 per 1,000 children (13-18)	2.3	.4	83% better	4
Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994 per 1,000 children	3.7	2.3	38% better	5
Family Problems 1994 per 1,000 children	12.9	6	53% better	3
Out-of-Home Placement 1995 per 1,000 children	4.6	1.6	65% better	4

Indicator of Child Well-being	Kids Count 1993	Kids Count 1994	Kids Count 1995	Three Year Average
Low Birth Weight	4.6	5.2	5.8	5.2
No Prenatal Care	.2	.1	.2	.2
Infant Mortality Rate	4.7	4	2.7	3.8
Child AFDC Rate	16	15	14	15
Child Food Stamp Rate	22	22	19	21
Births to Teens	11	7.5	10.5	9.7
Child Death Rate	2.4	3.3	1.7	2.5
Teen Death Rate	4.6	4.8	6.2	5.2
Juvenile Arrests	50	35	42	42
Juvenile Commitments	.1	.1	.4	.2
Child Abuse (Substantiated)	NA	1.7	2.3	2
Family Problems	NA	5.2	6	5.6
Out of Home Placement	1.2	2.8	1.6	1.9

MERCER COUNTY
Composite Rank #13

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1993	$29,385
Population under 18 Years Old	73,346
Percent Non-White	33%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	21%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	11%
Births in 1993	4,726

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	Percent Worse/ Better Than State	1995 County Rank
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	8.4	11% worse	19
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	1.3	7% better	15
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	9.5	13% worse	14
Child AFDC Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	120	123	3% worse	15
Child Food Stamp Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	154	147	5% better	13
Births to Teens 1993 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	38.4	43.7	14% worse	13
Child Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 children (1-14)	2.4	1.9	21% better	9
Teen Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 teens (15-19)	5.8	5.4	7% better	9
Juvenile Arrests 1994 per 1,000 children (10-17)	115	164	43% worse	18
Juvenile Commitments 1994 per 1,000 children (13-18)	2.3	2.8	22% worse	17
Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994 per 1,000 children	3.7	5	35% worse	15
Family Problems 1994 per 1,000 children	12.9	11.5	11% better	9
Out of Home Placement 1995 per 1,000 children	4.6	7.3	59% worse	19

Indicator of Child Well-being	Kids Count 1993	Kids Count 1994	Kids Count 1995	Three Year Average
Low Birth Weight	7.9	7.9	8.4	8.1
No Prenatal Care	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.2
Infant Mortality Rate	10	9.5	9.5	9.7
Child AFDC Rate	136	135	123	131
Child Food Stamp Rate	150	152	147	150
Births to Teens	49	47.6	43.7	46.8
Child Death Rate	1.6	2.7	1.9	2.1
Teen Death Rate	6.9	3.1	5.4	5.1
Juvenile Arrests	163	160	164	162
Juvenile Commitments	.5	2.1	2.8	1.8
Child Abuse (Substantiated)	NA	4.8	5	4.9
Family Problems	NA	9.4	11.5	10.5
Out of Home Placement	7.2	8.2	7.3	7.6

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1993	$25,771
Population under 18 Years Old	144,631
Percent Non-White	24%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	14%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	6%
Births in 1993	10,216

MIDDLESEX COUNTY
Composite Rank #9

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	Percent Worse/ Better Than State	1995 County Rank
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	7.1	7% better	11
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	.7	50% better	10
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	7	17% better	7
Child AFDC Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	120	73	39% better	10
Child Food Stamp Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	154	93	40% better	9
Births to Teens 1993 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	38.4	24.4	36% better	7
Child Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 children (1-14)	2.4	1.8	25% better	8
Teen Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 teens (15-19)	5.8	3.1	47% better	5
Juvenile Arrests 1994 per 1,000 children (10-17)	115	91	21% better	7
Juvenile Commitments 1994 per 1,000 children (13-18)	2.3	1.6	30% better	11
Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994 per 1,000 children	3.7	2	46% better	1
Family Problems 1994 per 1,000 children	12.9	9.7	25% better	8
Out of Home Placement 1995 per 1,000 children	4.6	2.5	46% better	7

Indicator of Child Well-being	Kids Count 1993	Kids Count 1994	Kids Count 1995	Three Year Average
Low Birth Weight	7.1	6.5	7.1	6.9
No Prenatal Care	.6	.6	.7	.6
Infant Mortality Rate	7.3	7.7	7	7.3
Child AFDC Rate	73	75	73	74
Child Food Stamp Rate	87	90	93	90
Births to Teens	25	25.2	24.4	24.9
Child Death Rate	2.8	1.9	1.8	2.2
Teen Death Rate	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.2
Juvenile Arrests	94	91	91	92
Juvenile Commitments	.7	1.6	1.6	1.3
Child Abuse (Substantiated)	NA	3.4	2	2.7
Family Problems	NA	10.3	9.7	10
Out of Home Placement	2.5	2.8	2.5	2.6

MONMOUTH COUNTY
Composite Rank #10

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1993	$28,132
Population under 18 Years Old	134,814
Percent Non-White	16%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	13%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	6%
Births in 1993	8,122

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	Percent Worse/ Better Than State	1995 County Rank
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	7	8% better	10
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	1	29% better	13
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	7.5	11% better	10
Child AFDC Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	120	61	49% better	8
Child Food Stamp Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	154	85	45% better	8
Births to Teens 1993 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	38.4	25.7	33% better	8
Child Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 children (1-14)	2.4	1.8	25% better	7
Teen Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 teens (15-19)	5.8	8.3	43% worse	15
Juvenile Arrests 1994 per 1,000 children (10-17)	115	118	3% worse	14
Juvenile Commitments 1994 per 1,000 children (13-18)	2.3	1.9	17% better	12
Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994 per 1,000 children	3.7	3.6	3% better	7
Family Problems 1994 per 1,000 children	12.9	14.3	11% worse	12
Out of Home Placement 1995 per 1,000 children	4.6	4.4	4% better	12

Indicator of Child Well-being	Kids Count 1993	Kids Count 1994	Kids Count 1995	Three Year Average
Low Birth Weight	6.9	5.9	7	6.6
No Prenatal Care	1	.9	1	1
Infant Mortality Rate	7	7.2	7.5	7.2
Child AFDC Rate	67	64	61	64
Child Food Stamp Rate	86	85	85	85
Births to Teens	28	28.6	25.7	27.4
Child Death Rate	2.3	2.6	1.8	2.2
Teen Death Rate	3.9	5.2	8.3	5.8
Juvenile Arrests	105	105	118	109
Juvenile Commitments	1.2	1.5	1.9	1.5
Child Abuse (Substantiated)	NA	4.1	3.6	3.9
Family Problems	NA	11.8	14.3	13.1
Out of Home Placement	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.6

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1993	$34,412
Population under 18 Years Old	96,291
Percent Non-White	10%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	10%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	3%
Births in 1993	6,052

MORRIS COUNTY
Composite Rank #1

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	Percent Worse/ Better Than State	1995 County Rank
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	5.9	22% better	6
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	.2	86% better	1
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	5.8	31% better	4
Child AFDC Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	120	18	85% better	2
Child Food Stamp Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	154	26	83% better	2
Births to Teens 1993 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	38.4	9.9	74% better	1
Child Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 children (1-14)	2.4	1.9	21% better	10
Teen Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 teens (15-19)	5.8	1.9	67% better	2
Juvenile Arrests 1994 per 1,000 children (10-17)	115	70	39% better	3
Juvenile Commitments 1994 per 1,000 children (13-18)	2.3	.1	96% better	1
Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994 per 1,000 children	3.7	2.1	43% better	3
Family Problems 1994 per 1,000 children	12.9	5	61% better	2
Out of Home Placement 1995 per 1,000 children	4.6	1.3	72% better	3

Indicator of Child Well-being	Kids Count 1993	Kids Count 1994	Kids Count 1995	Three Year Average
Low Birth Weight	5.2	5.5	5.9	5.5
No Prenatal Care	.2	.2	.2	.2
Infant Mortality Rate	7	6.5	5.8	6.4
Child AFDC Rate	18	19	18	18
Child Food Stamp Rate	26	27	26	26
Births to Teens	10	11	9.9	10.3
Child Death Rate	1.1	2	1.9	1.7
Teen Death Rate	4	4.2	1.9	3.4
Juvenile Arrests	67	65	70	67
Juvenile Commitments	.1	.2	.1	.1
Child Abuse (Substantiated)	NA	2.2	2.1	2.2
Family Problems	NA	5.7	5	5.4
Out of Home Placement	1.5	2.2	1.3	1.7

OCEAN COUNTY
Composite Rank #8

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1993	$22,849
Population under 18 Years Old	98,165
Percent Non-White	9%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	14%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	9%
Births in 1993	6,045

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	Percent Worse/ Better Than State	1995 County Rank
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	6	21% better	7
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	.6	57% better	9
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	6	29% better	5
Child AFDC Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	120	71	41% better	9
Child Food Stamp Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	154	112	27% better	11
Births to Teens 1993 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	38.4	30.7	20% better	10
Child Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 children (1-14)	2.4	.9	63% better	1
Teen Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 teens (15-19)	5.8	4.1	29% better	8
Juvenile Arrests 1994 per 1,000 children (10-17)	115	133	16% worse	15
Juvenile Commitments 1994 per 1,000 children (13-18)	2.3	1	57% better	9
Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994 per 1,000 children	3.7	4.3	16% worse	10
Family Problems 1994 per 1,000 children	12.9	8.3	36% better	7
Out of Home Placement 1995 per 1,000 children	4.6	2.3	50% better	6

Indicator of Child Well-being	Kids Count 1993	Kids Count 1994	Kids Count 1995	Three Year Average
Low Birth Weight	5.4	5.5	6	5.6
No Prenatal Care	.6	.6	.6	.6
Infant Mortality Rate	8.1	5.6	6	6.6
Child AFDC Rate	73	72	71	72
Child Food Stamp Rate	105	109	112	109
Births to Teens	31	27.8	30.7	29.8
Child Death Rate	1.7	2.1	.9	1.6
Teen Death Rate	5.9	5.8	4.1	5.3
Juvenile Arrests	130	120	133	128
Juvenile Commitments	.5	.6	1	.7
Child Abuse (Substantiated)	NA	5.4	4.3	4.9
Family Problems	NA	7.1	8.3	7.7
Out of Home Placement	2.8	2.3	2.3	2.5

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1993	$22,344
Population under 18 Years Old	108,743
Percent Non-White	37%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	23%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	16%
Births in 1993	8,197

PASSAIC COUNTY
Composite Rank #17

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	Percent Worse/ Better Than State	1995 County Rank
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	8.3	9% worse	18
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	2	43% worse	20
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	10.4	24% worse	16
Child AFDC Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	120	134	12% worse	16
Child Food Stamp Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	154	189	23% worse	16
Births to Teens 1993 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	38.4	56.1	46% worse	15
Child Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 children (1-14)	2.4	4.4	83% worse	21
Teen Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 teens (15-19)	5.8	5.9	2% worse	11
Juvenile Arrests 1994 per 1,000 children (10-17)	115	106	8% better	9
Juvenile Commitments 1994 per 1,000 children (13-18)	2.3	4	74% worse	18
Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994 per 1,000 children	3.7	4.7	27% worse	14
Family Problems 1994 per 1,000 children	12.9	16.6	29% worse	16
Out of Home Placement 1995 per 1,000 children	4.6	3.9	15% better	11

Indicator of Child Well-being	Kids Count 1993	Kids Count 1994	Kids Count 1995	Three Year Average
Low Birth Weight	8.4	8.3	8.3	8.3
No Prenatal Care	1.7	2.1	2	1.9
Infant Mortality Rate	9.9	8.4	10.4	9.6
Child AFDC Rate	141	140	134	138
Child Food Stamp Rate	177	184	189	183
Births to Teens	58	56.8	56.1	57
Child Death Rate	1.5	3.8	4.4	3.2
Teen Death Rate	6	6.9	5.9	6.3
Juvenile Arrests	110	98	106	105
Juvenile Commitments	4.1	3.9	4	4
Child Abuse (Substantiated)	NA	7.3	4.7	6
Family Problems	NA	16.9	16.6	16.8
Out of Home Placement	3.8	4.3	3.9	4

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SALEM COUNTY
Composite Rank #18

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1993	$21,681
Population under 18 Years Old	16,737
Percent Non-White	21%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	21%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	16%
Births in 1993	852

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	Percent Worse/ Better Than State	1995 County Rank
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	7.9	4% worse	14
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	1.7	21% worse	19
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	16.4	95% worse	21
Child AFDC Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	120	115	4% better	13
Child Food Stamp Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	154	156	1% worse	14
Births to Teens 1993 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	38.4	57.7	50% worse	16
Child Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 children (1-14)	2.4	2.8	17% worse	18
Teen Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 teens (15-19)	5.8	9.2	59% worse	17
Juvenile Arrests 1994 per 1,000 children (10-17)	115	114	1% better	10
Juvenile Commitments 1994 per 1,000 children (13-18)	2.3	1.5	35% better	10
Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994 per 1,000 children	3.7	6.6	78% worse	17
Family Problems 1994 per 1,000 children	12.9	25.7	99% worse	21
Out of Home Placement 1995 per 1,000 children	4.6	6.5	41% worse	17

Indicator of Child Well-being	Kids Count 1993	Kids Count 1994	Kids Count 1995	Three Year Average
Low Birth Weight	8.4	8.4	7.9	8.2
No Prenatal Care	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7
Infant Mortality Rate	3.1	15.3	16.4	11.6
Child AFDC Rate	134	122	115	124
Child Food Stamp Rate	166	158	156	160
Births to Teens	60	63.8	57.7	60.5
Child Death Rate	2.3	3.7	2.8	2.9
Teen Death Rate	6.4	2.3	9.2	6
Juvenile Arrests	97	97	114	103
Juvenile Commitments	1.1	.7	1.5	1.1
Child Abuse (Substantiated)	NA	7.7	6.6	7.2
Family Problems	NA	26	25.7	25.9
Out of Home Placement	6.9	7.3	6.5	6.9

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1993	$36,542
Population under 18 Years Old	52,889
Percent Non-White	16%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	11%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	3%
Births in 1993	4,166

SOMERSET COUNTY
Composite Rank #6

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	Percent Worse/ Better Than State	1995 County Rank
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	6.1	20% better	8
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	.3	79% better	4
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	7	17% better	8
Child AFDC Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	120	32	73% better	5
Child Food Stamp Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	154	48	69% better	5
Births to Teens 1993 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	38.4	14.9	61% better	5
Child Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 children (1-14)	2.4	2.7	13% worse	16
Teen Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 teens (15-19)	5.8	3	48% better	3
Juvenile Arrests 1994 per 1,000 children (10-17)	115	117	2% worse	12
Juvenile Commitments 1994 per 1,000 children (13-18)	2.3	2.6	13% worse	15
Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994 per 1,000 children	3.7	2	46% better	1
Family Problems 1994 per 1,000 children	12.9	4.4	66% better	1
Out of Home Placement 1995 per 1,000 children	4.6	1	78% better	1

Indicator of Child Well-being	Kids Count 1993	Kids Count 1994	Kids Count 1995	Three Year Average
Low Birth Weight	5.1	5.2	6.1	5.5
No Prenatal Care	.2	.3	.3	.3
Infant Mortality Rate	6.7	3.9	7	5.9
Child AFDC Rate	34	35	32	34
Child Food Stamp Rate	46	48	48	47
Births to Teens	15	19.2	14.9	16.4
Child Death Rate	1.5	1.6	2.7	1.9
Teen Death Rate	5.9	4.6	3	4.5
Juvenile Arrests	125	104	117	115
Juvenile Commitments	1.3	1.9	2.6	1.9
Child Abuse (Substantiated)	NA	2.3	2	2.2
Family Problems	NA	4.8	4.4	4.6
Out of Home Placement	1.7	4.2	1	2.3

SUSSEX COUNTY
Composite Rank #5

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1993	$23,343
Population under 18 Years Old	36,386
Percent Non-White	2%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	10%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	4%
Births in 1993	1,947

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	Percent Worse/ Better Than State	1995 County Rank
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	5.4	29% better	2
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	.3	79% better	3
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	6.7	20% better	6
Child AFDC Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	120	20	83% better	3
Child Food Stamp Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	154	34	78% better	3
Births to Teens 1993 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	38.4	13.1	66% better	4
Child Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 children (1-14)	2.4	1.5	38% better	4
Teen Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 teens (15-19)	5.8	9.4	62% worse	18
Juvenile Arrests 1994 per 1,000 children (10-17)	115	47	59% better	2
Juvenile Commitments 1994 per 1,000 children (13-18)	2.3	.3	87% better	3
Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994 per 1,000 children	3.7	3.5	5% better	6
Family Problems 1994 per 1,000 children	12.9	13.3	3% worse	11
Out of Home Placement 1995 per 1,000 children	4.6	2.3	50% better	5

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Indicator of Child Well-being	Kids Count 1993	Kids Count 1994	Kids Count 1995	Three Year Average
Low Birth Weight	5.3	5.6	5.4	5.4
No Prenatal Care	.1	.3	.3	.2
Infant Mortality Rate	7.4	7.2	6.7	7.1
Child AFDC Rate	26	24	20	23
Child Food Stamp Rate	38	38	34	37
Births to Teens	18	16.1	13.1	15.7
Child Death Rate	1	.7	1.5	1.1
Teen Death Rate	5.6	4.8	9.4	6.6
Juvenile Arrests	50	49	47	49
Juvenile Commitments	.2	.3	.3	.3
Child Abuse (Substantiated)	NA	4.8	3.5	4.2
Family Problems	NA	13.5	13.3	13.4
Out of Home Placement	2.3	3.9	2.3	2.8

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County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1993	$28,659
Population under 18 Years Old	108,088
Percent Non-White	34%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	19%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	11%
Births in 1993	7,430

UNION COUNTY
Composite Rank #12

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	Percent Worse/ Better Than State	1995 County Rank
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	8.1	7% worse	16
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	1.5	7% worse	18
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	9.2	10% worse	13
Child AFDC Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	120	119	1% better	14
Child Food Stamp Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	154	143	7% better	12
Births to Teens 1993 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	38.4	39.5	3% worse	12
Child Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 children (1-14)	2.4	2.8	17% worse	17
Teen Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 teens (15-19)	5.8	3.9	33% better	6
Juvenile Arrests 1994 per 1,000 children (10-17)	115	137	19% worse	16
Juvenile Commitments 1994 per 1,000 children (13-18)	2.3	2.7	17% worse	16
Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994 per 1,000 children	3.7	4.3	16% worse	10
Family Problems 1994 per 1,000 children	12.9	15	16% worse	13
Out of Home Placement 1995 per 1,000 children	4.6	5	9% worse	13

Indicator of Child Well-being	Kids Count 1993	Kids Count 1994	Kids Count 1995	Three Year Average
Low Birth Weight	8	8	8.1	8
No Prenatal Care	1.3	1.6	1.5	1.5
Infant Mortality Rate	6.8	8.8	9.2	8.3
Child AFDC Rate	124	124	119	122
Child Food Stamp Rate	135	140	143	139
Births to Teens	41	40.9	39.5	40.5
Child Death Rate	1.9	1.6	2.8	2.1
Teen Death Rate	5	2.8	3.9	3.9
Juvenile Arrests	144	136	137	139
Juvenile Commitments	2.2	2.3	2.7	2.4
Child Abuse (Substantiated)	NA	5.1	4.3	4.7
Family Problems	NA	10.1	15	12.6
Out of Home Placement	5.3	3.8	5	4.7

WARREN COUNTY
Composite Rank #4

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1993	$22,444
Population under 18 Years Old	22,655
Percent Non-White	3%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	14%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	7%
Births in 1993	1,364

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	Percent Worse/ Better Than State	1995 County Rank
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	4.7	38% better	1
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	.3	79% better	5
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	2.2	74% better	1
Child AFDC Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	120	46	62% better	6
Child Food Stamp Rate 1995 per 1,000 children	154	80	48% better	7
Births to Teens 1993 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	38.4	20.3	47% better	6
Child Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 children (1-14)	2.4	1.5	38% better	3
Teen Death Rate 1993 per 10,000 teens (15-19)	5.8	1.8	69% better	1
Juvenile Arrests 1994 per 1,000 children (10-17)	115	72	37% better	4
Juvenile Commitments 1994 per 1,000 children (13-18)	2.3	.4	83% better	5
Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994 per 1,000 children	3.7	4.1	11% worse	9
Family Problems 1994 per 1,000 children	12.9	17.1	33% worse	18
Out of Home Placement 1995 per 1,000 children	4.6	3	35% better	9

Indicator of Child Well-being	Kids Count 1993	Kids Count 1994	Kids Count 1995	Three Year Average
Low Birth Weight	6	6.2	4.7	5.6
No Prenatal Care	.5	.5	.3	.4
Infant Mortality Rate	7.1	5.1	2.2	4.8
Child AFDC Rate	56	51	46	51
Child Food Stamp Rate	87	80	80	82
Births to Teens	31	25.5	20.3	25.6
Child Death Rate	3.9	2.2	1.5	2.5
Teen Death Rate	5.2	16.4	1.8	7.8
Juvenile Arrests	78	81	72	77
Juvenile Commitments	.3	.1	.4	.3
Child Abuse (Substantiated)	NA	4.8	4.1	4.5
Family Problems	NA	15.1	17.1	16.1
Out of Home Placement	3.4	4.7	3	3.7

ASBURY PARK* Monmouth County

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	City Rate	Percent Worse/Better Than State
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	7	16.6	118% worse
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	1	5.7	307% worse
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	7.5	16.3	94% worse

*see statement on page 36

ASBURY PARK City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old	4,458
Percent Non-White	85%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	58%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	42%
Births in 1993	430
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1995	2,200
Children Receiving Food Stamp Benefits 1995	2,851
Number of Births to Teens 1993 (15-19)	85
Number of Child Deaths 1993 (1-14)	0
Number of Teen Deaths 1993 (15-19)	5
Number of Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994	134
Number of Family Problem Cases 1994	300

ATLANTIC CITY Atlantic County

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	City Rate	Percent Worse/Better Than State
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	7.6	9.8	29% worse
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	1.5	4	186% worse
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	9.5	15.7	87% worse

ATLANTIC CITY Facts

Population under 18 Years Old	8,519
Percent Non-White	82%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	53%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	40%
Births in 1993	953
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1995	4,012
Children Receiving Food Stamp Benefits 1995	5,180
Number of Births to Teens 1993 (15-19)	209
Number of Child Deaths 1993 (1-14)	4
Number of Teen Deaths 1993 (15-19)	1
Number of Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994	7
Number of Family Problem Cases 1994	23

BAYONNE Hudson County

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	City Rate	Percent Worse/Better Than State
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	7.9	6.2	18% better
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	.6	.4	71% better
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	8.4	6.8	19% better

BAYONNE City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old	12,029
Percent Non-White	14%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	22%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	13%
Births in 1993	734
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1995	1,605
Children Receiving Food Stamp Benefits 1995	2,011
Number of Births to Teens 1993 (15-19)	48
Number of Child Deaths 1993 (1-14)	3
Number of Teen Deaths 1993 (15-19)	1
Number of Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994	31
Number of Family Problem Cases 1994	53

BRICK TOWNSHIP* Ocean County

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	City Rate	Percent Worse/Better Than State
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	6	5.4	29% better
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	.6	.1	93% better
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	6	6.6	21% better

*see statement on page 36

BRICK TOWNSHIP Facts

Population under 18 Years Old	15,662
Percent Non-White	2%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	12%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	4%
Births in 1993	910
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1995	552
Children Receiving Food Stamp Benefits 1995	910
Number of Births to Teens 1993 (15-19)	50
Number of Child Deaths 1993 (1-14)	1
Number of Teen Deaths 1993 (15-19)	1
Number of Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994	47
Number of Family Problem Cases 1994	75

CAMDEN CITY* Camden County

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	City Rate	Percent Worse/Better Than State
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	8.6	14.5	91% worse
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	1.4	3.9	179% worse
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	10.5	19.1	127% worse

*see statement on page 36

CAMDEN City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old	31,154
Percent Non-White	89%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	53%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	50%
Births in 1993	2,194
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1995	17,707
Children Receiving Food Stamp Benefits 1995	21,265
Number of Births to Teens 1993 (15-19)	591
Number of Child Deaths 1993 (1-14)	8
Number of Teen Deaths 1993 (15-19)	8
Number of Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994	797
Number of Family Problem Cases 1994	975

CLIFTON Passaic County

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	City Rate	Percent Worse/Better Than State
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	8.3	5.6	26% better
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	2	.9	36% better
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	10.4	7.6	10% better

CLIFTON City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old	12,757
Percent Non-White	11%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	13%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	7%
Births in 1993	920
Receiving AFDC Benefits 1995	403
Children Receiving Food Stamp Benefits 1995	652
Number of Births to Teens 1993 (15-19)	25
Number of Child Deaths 1993 (1-14)	2
Number of Teen Deaths 1993 (15-19)	3
Number of Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994	24
Number of Family Problem Cases 1994	102

DOVER TOWNSHIP* Ocean County

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	City Rate	Percent Worse/Better Than State
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	6	6.7	12% better
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	.6	.5	64% better
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	6	6.8	19% better

*see statement on page 36

DOVER TOWNSHIP Facts

Population under 18 Years Old	18,706
Percent Non-White	9%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	13%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	6%
Births in 1993	1,034
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1995	843
Children Receiving Food Stamp Benefits 1995	1,289
Number of Births to Teens 1993 (15-19)	57
Number of Child Deaths 1993 (1-14)	1
Number of Teen Deaths 1993 (15-19)	0
Number of Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994	35
Number of Family Problem Cases 1994	58

EAST ORANGE Essex County

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	City Rate	Percent Worse/Better Than State
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	11.8	15.6	105% worse
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	5.2	7.6	443% worse
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	12.7	17.6	110% worse

EAST ORANGE City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old	18,917
Percent Non-White	97%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	42%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	26%
Births in 1993	1,364
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1995	7,264
Children Receiving Food Stamp Benefits 1995	9,364
Number of Births to Teens 1993 (15-19)	223
Number of Child Deaths 1993 (1-14)	7
Number of Teen Deaths 1993 (15-19)	10
Number of Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994	239
Number of Family Problem Cases 1994	446

ELIZABETH Union County

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	City Rate	Percent Worse/Better Than State
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	8.1	9.8	29% worse
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	1.5	3.3	136% worse
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	9.2	9.8	17% worse

ELIZABETH City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old	27,079
Percent Non-White	43%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	30%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	25%
Births in 1993	2,050
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1995	6,785
Children Receiving Food Stamp Benefits 1995	8,419
Number of Births to Teens 1993 (15-19)	282
Number of Child Deaths 1993 (1-14)	5
Number of Teen Deaths 1993 (15-19)	6
Number of Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994	209
Number of Family Problem Cases 1994	396

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IRVINGTON Essex County

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	City Rate	Percent Worse/Better Than State
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	11.8	15.2	100% worse
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	5.2	5.5	293% worse
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	12.7	20.1	139% worse

IRVINGTON City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old	16,062
Percent Non-White	89%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	37%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	18%
Births in 1993	1,247
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1995	5,255
Children Receiving Food Stamp Benefits 1995	6,810
Number of Births to Teens 1993 (15-19)	180
Number of Child Deaths 1993 (1-14)	5
Number of Teen Deaths 1993 (15-19)	4
Number of Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994	182
Number of Family Problem Cases 1994	397

JERSEY CITY Hudson County

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	City Rate	Percent Worse/Better Than State
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	7.9	9.7	28% worse
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	.6	.4	71% better
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	8.4	11.4	36% worse

JERSEY CITY Facts

Population under 18 Years Old	56,150
Percent Non-White	64%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	36%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	30%
Births in 1993	4,204
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1995	19,900
Children Receiving Food Stamp Benefits 1995	23,841
Number of Births to Teens 1993 (15-19)	575
Number of Child Deaths 1993 (1-14)	9
Number of Teen Deaths 1993 (15-19)	6
Number of Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994	339
Number of Family Problem Cases 1994	811

MIDDLETOWN* Monmouth County

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	City Rate	Percent Worse/Better Than State
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	7	6.3	17% better
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	1	.5	64% better
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	7.5	8.9	6% worse

*see statement on page 36

MIDDLETOWN City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old	17,369
Percent Non-White	5%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	7%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	2%
Births in 1993	786
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1995	199
Children Receiving Food Stamp Benefits 1995	303
Number of Births to Teens 1993 (15-19)	24
Number of Child Deaths 1993 (1-14)	4
Number of Teen Deaths 1993 (15-19)	0
Number of Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994	14
Number of Family Problem Cases 1994	43

NEW BRUNSWICK Middlesex County

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	City Rate	Percent Worse/Better Than State
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	7.1	10.3	36% worse
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	.7	2.5	79% worse
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	7	20.1	139% worse

NEW BRUNSWICK City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old	7,093
Percent Non-White	32%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	38%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	26%
Births in 1993	894
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1995	2,653
Children Receiving Food Stamp Benefits 1995	3,320
Number of Births to Teens 1993 (15-19)	149
Number of Child Deaths 1993 (1-14)	2
Number of Teen Deaths 1993 (15-19)	1
Number of Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994	74
Number of Family Problem Cases 1994	196

NEWARK Essex County

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	City Rate	Percent Worse/Better Than State
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	11.8	14	84% worse
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	5.2	8	471% worse
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	12.7	16.2	93% worse

NEWARK City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old	78,493
Percent Non-White	78%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	44%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	37%
Births in 1993	5,611
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1995	36,373
Children Receiving Food Stamp Benefits 1995	46,265
Number of Births to Teens 1993 (15-19)	1,045
Number of Child Deaths 1993 (1-14)	30
Number of Teen Deaths 1993 (15-19)	12
Number of Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994	1,258
Number of Family Problem Cases 1994	2,132

NORTH BERGEN Hudson County

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	City Rate	Percent Worse/Better Than State
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	7.9	5.2	32% better
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	.6	.4	71% better
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	8.4	9.3	11% worse

NORTH BERGEN City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old	9,821
Percent Non-White	16%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	2%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	14%
Births in 1993	754
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1995	1,655
Children Receiving Food Stamp Benefits 1995	1,992
Number of Births to Teens 1993 (15-19)	48
Number of Child Deaths 1993 (1-14)	1
Number of Teen Deaths 1993 (15-19)	1
Number of Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994	62
Number of Family Problem Cases 1994	101

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OLD BRIDGE* Middlesex County

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	City Rate	Percent Worse/Better Than State
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	7.1	5	34% better
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	.7	.3	79% better
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	7	10.3	23% worse

* see statement on page 36

OLD BRIDGE City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old	13,605
Percent Non-White	11%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	11%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	4.4%
Births in 1993	774
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1995	476
Children Receiving Food Stamp Benefits 1995	651
Number of Births to Teens 1993 (15-19)	16
Number of Child Deaths 1993 (1-14)	2
Number of Teen Deaths 1993 (15-19)	4
Number of Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994	8
Number of Family Problem Cases 1994	89

ORANGE Essex County

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	City Rate	Percent Worse/Better Than State
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	11.8	11.2	47% worse
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	5.2	6.4	357% worse
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	12.7	11.3	35% worse

ORANGE City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old	7,157
Percent Non-White	88%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	36%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	27%
Births in 1993	620
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1995	2,305
Children Receiving Food Stamp Benefits 1995	3,157
Number of Births to Teens 1993 (15-19)	72
Number of Child Deaths 1993 (1-14)	1
Number of Teen Deaths 1993 (15-19)	4
Number of Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994	83
Number of Family Problem Cases 1994	122

PASSAIC CITY Passaic County

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	City Rate	Percent Worse/Better Than State
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	8.3	9.6	26% worse
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	2	2.2	57% worse
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	10.4	11.1	32% worse

PASSAIC City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old	15,832
Percent Non-White	63%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	31%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	24%
Births in 1993	1,536
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1995	3,467
Children Receiving Food Stamp Benefits 1995	4,870
Number of Births to Teens 1993 (15-19)	223
Number of Child Deaths 1993 (1-14)	3
Number of Teen Deaths 1993 (15-19)	5
Number of Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994	67
Number of Family Problem Cases 1994	273

PATERSON Passaic County

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	City Rate	Percent Worse/Better Than State
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	8.3	10	32% worse
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	2	3.5	150% worse
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	10.4	13	55% worse

PATERSON City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old	40,795
Percent Non-White	66%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	35%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	27%
Births in 1993	3,303
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1995	9,829
Children Receiving Food Stamp Benefits 1995	13,838
Number of Births to Teens 1993 (15-19)	546
Number of Child Deaths 1993 (1-14)	8
Number of Teen Deaths 1993 (15-19)	10
Number of Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994	347
Number of Family Problem Cases 1994	1,100

PERTH AMBOY* Middlesex County

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	City Rate	Percent Worse/Better Than State
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	7.1	7.7	1% worse
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	.7	2.3	64% worse
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	7	7.2	14% better

*see statement on page 36

PERTH AMBOY City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old	10,883
Percent Non-White	49%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	32%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	24%
Births in 1993	836
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1995	2,873
Children Receiving Food Stamp Benefits 1995	3,790
Number of Births to Teens 1993 (15-19)	144
Number of Child Deaths 1993 (1-14)	0
Number of Teen Deaths 1993 (15-19)	2
Number of Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994	29
Number of Family Problem Cases 1994	319

PLAINFIELD* Union County

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	City Rate	Percent Worse/Better Than State
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	8.1	11.4	50% worse
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	1.5	2.2	57% worse
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	9.2	14.7	75% worse

*see statement on page 36

PLAINFIELD City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old	12,169
Percent Non-White	82%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	32%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	17%
Births in 1993	950
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1995	3,098
Children Receiving Food Stamp Benefits 1995	3,587
Number of Births to Teens 1993 (15-19)	127
Number of Child Deaths 1993 (1-14)	3
Number of Teen Deaths 1993 (15-19)	4
Number of Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994	119
Number of Family Problem Cases 1994	270

TRENTON* Mercer County

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	City Rate	Percent Worse/Better Than State
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	8.4	12.3	62% worse
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	1.3	2.6	86% worse
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	9.5	15.5	85% worse

*see statement on page 36

TRENTON City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old	23,577
Percent Non-White	71%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	39%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	27%
Births in 1993	1,805
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1995	8,334
Children Receiving Food Stamp Benefits 1995	9,996
Number of Births to Teens 1993 (15-19)	374
Number of Child Deaths 1993 (1-14)	4
Number of Teen Deaths 1993 (15-19)	3
Number of Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994	341
Number of Family Problem Cases 1994	553

UNION CITY Hudson County

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	City Rate	Percent Worse/Better Than State
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	7.9	6.1	20% better
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	.6	.8	43% better
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	8.4	5.6	33% better

UNION CITY Facts

Population under 18 Years Old	14,019
Percent Non-White	27%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	34%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	28%
Births in 1993	1,077
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1995	4508
Children Receiving Food Stamp Benefits 1995	5542
Number of Births to Teens 1993 (15-19)	126
Number of Child Deaths 1993 (1-14)	2
Number of Teen Deaths 1993 (15-19)	1
Number of Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994	109
Number of Family Problem Cases 1994	180

VINELAND Cumberland County

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	City Rate	Percent Worse/Better Than State
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	8.2	8.5	12% worse
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	1.2	1.3	7% better
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	11.2	6.2	26% better

VINELAND City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old	14,115
Percent Non-White	38%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	26%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	16%
Births in 1993	806
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1995	2,375
Children Receiving Food Stamp Benefits 1995	3,329
Number of Births to Teens 1993 (15-19)	150
Number of Child Deaths 1993 (1-14)	1
Number of Teen Deaths 1993 (15-19)	1
Number of Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994	51
Number of Family Problem Cases 1994	130

WOODBRIDGE Middlesex County

Indicator of Child Well-being	State Rate	County Rate	City Rate	Percent Worse/Better Than State
Low Birth Weight 1993 percent of all live births	7.6	7.1	6.9	9% better
No Prenatal Care 1993 percent of all live births	1.4	.7	.3	79% better
Infant Mortality Rate 1993 per 1,000 live births	8.4	7	5.4	36% better

WOODBRIDGE City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old	18,007
Percent Non-White	15%
Percent of Children Living with Single Parent	12%
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level	3%
Births in 1993	1,294
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1995	701
Children Receiving Food Stamp Benefits 1995	916
Number of Births to Teens 1993 (15-19)	34
Number of Child Deaths 1993 (1-14)	0
Number of Teen Deaths 1993 (15-19)	3
Number of Child Abuse (Sub. Cases) 1994	31
Number of Family Problem Cases 1994	157

GLOSSARY/SOURCES

Birth Data - The 1993 birth data is from a preliminary 1993 data file, available as of June 30, 1995. All births to New Jersey residents may not be included in these preliminary numbers (Department of Health).

Births to Teens - The number of adolescents per 1,000 who gave birth in 1993 (Department of Health). Children born to adolescents are more likely to be of low birth weight, to have health problems, and to suffer child abuse and neglect. Adolescent parents have fewer educational and career opportunities, thus perpetuating poverty for themselves and their children. Note: Most counties and cities have relatively low numbers of teen births. For example, the median number of births to teens in the counties was 371; in the cities, it was 126. Therefore, these numbers can vary dramatically from year to year.

*Child Abuse and Neglect** - The number of substantiated abuse and neglect cases per 1,000 children in 1994 (Department of Human Services). A substantiated case is determined when a DYFS social worker establishes that a child has been physically, sexually, mentally, or emotionally abused by a parent, guardian or other adult who has control or custody of the child, and that the abuse can cause or create a substantial risk of impairment or death to the child ("Children at Risk 1993 and 1994").

Child Death Rate - The number of children (ages 1-14) per 10,000 who died in 1993 (Department of Health). Over one-third of child deaths are caused by motor-vehicle related injuries, infectious diseases, and other injuries, including those related to fires. These causes are related to risks in families and communities, such as the lack of well-developed interventions and services. Death rate denominators are based on 1992 census estimates. (See Death Data). Note: Most counties and cities have relatively low numbers of child deaths. For example, the median number of child deaths in the counties was 15; in the cities, it was 3. Therefore, these numbers can vary dramatically from year to year.

Children Receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) Benefits - The number of children per 1,000 receiving AFDC benefits in 1995 (Department of Human Services). Children who receive these benefits are more likely to have health problems, to live in substandard housing, and to be abused or neglected.

Children Receiving Food Stamp Benefits - The number of children per 1,000 receiving Food Stamp benefits in 1995 (Department of Human Services).

Composite Rankings - The composite ranking is based on the cumulative standardized scores for each indicator. The standardized score of an indicator is the number of standardized deviation units that measure the distance from the mean of the distribution.

Death Data - The 1993 death data is from a preliminary file, available as of July 3, 1995. All 1993 deaths may not be reflected in this preliminary data (Department of Health).

*Family Problems** - The number of children per 1,000 in 1994 who were identified as being in need of specific remedial services and/or at risk of child abuse or neglect (Department of Human

Services). Although these cases do not meet the statutory definition of child abuse or neglect, they remain open to receive services through the Division of Youth and Family Services. Such family problems adversely affect a child's well-being and growth.

Indicator Rankings - All counties are arranged in sequential order from best (1) to worst (21) and assigned a rank using the latest available data on each indicator. Whenever there is a tie of two or more counties, they are assigned the most positive rank (for example, if three counties are tied at ranking positions 10, 11 and 12, they are each assigned a rank of 10 and the next county is ranked 13).

Infant Mortality Rate - The number of infants per 1,000 who died before their first birthday in 1993 (Department of Health). High rates of infant mortality are indicative of poor access to health care, lack of prenatal care, birth defects (including those caused by prenatal exposure to alcohol and drugs), and high rates of poverty.

Juvenile Arrest Rate - The number of juveniles arrested (ages 10-17) per 1,000 in 1994 (Uniform Crime Report).

Juvenile Commitment Rate - The number of juvenile commitments (ages 13-18) per 1,000 in 1994 (Department of Corrections). Children in detention centers lack the opportunity to participate in family life, traditional education systems and interactions with the community. They are more likely to come from families and communities in which high risk behaviors are more prevalent.

Low Birth Weight - Percentage of babies born weighing below 2,500 grams (5.5 lbs.) in 1993 (Department of Health). These babies have a higher death rate (see Infant Mortality Indicator) and are more likely to develop disabilities which create a greater need for medical services, special education, and lifelong support services.

Non-White Population - Includes all those who are non-white, either of Hispanic origin or not of Hispanic origin (1990 Census Data).

No Prenatal Care - Percentage of all children born in 1993 whose mothers reported receiving no prenatal medical care (Department of Health). Such children are more likely to be of low birth weight (see Low Birth Weight indicator). Mothers who do not receive prenatal care have higher rates of maternal death, illnesses and complications, all of which have adverse implications for the child.

Out-of-Home Placement Rate - The number of children per 1,000 placed in settings such as foster care, residential care or other out-of-home placements in 1995 (Department of Human Services and Department of Education). Children who are placed in such a setting often lack the stability of a nurturing home life.

Per Capita Personal Income - U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, 1993.

Population Statistics - U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, Census Data, 1990.

Quartile Rankings - The portion of the distribution which comprises an exact fourth of the total. This year's ranking shows that 13 counties perform in the upper quartiles of the state and that 8 counties perform in the lower quartiles of the state on indicators of child well-being. Counties in the first quartile are the better performers.

Teen Death Rate - The number of adolescents (ages 15-19) per 10,000 who died in 1993 (Department of Health). A high percentage of adolescent deaths are caused by motor vehicle-related injuries, homicide, suicide, and other high risk behaviors. These causes are associated with risks in their families and communities, such as the lack of well-developed interventions and services. Death rate denominators are based on 1992 census estimates. (See Death Data). Note: Most counties and cities have relatively low numbers of teen deaths. For example, the median number of teen deaths in the counties was 10; in the cities, it was 3. Therefore, these numbers can vary dramatically from year to year.

STATEMENTS

**Municipalities* - Like many other municipalities in New Jersey, those with an asterisk share mailing addresses and zip codes with adjacent or neighboring areas. This can lead to geographic errors in assigning where births and deaths occur. As zip coding of residences improves, there may be significant changes in the numbers of births and deaths assigned to these cities. These changes would reflect differences in coding rather than real changes in the births and deaths themselves. (Department of Health)

Kids Count 1993, 1994 and *1995* data is based on data from varied years:
Health Indicators (1991, 1992, 1993)
AFDC Indicator (1993, 1994, 1995)
Food Stamp Indicator (1993, 1994, 1995)
Arrest Indicator (1992, 1993, 1994)
Commitment Indicator (1992, 1993, 1994)
Child Abuse Indicator (1993, 1994)
Family Problem Indicator (1993, 1994)
Out-of-Home Placement Indicator (1993, 1994, 1995)

*Child Abuse and Family Problem Indicators are averaged for two years. These indicators were established in their present form in 1994.